

**ENTERED**

July 29, 2024

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

(1) HARDIK JAYANTILAL PATEL,

Defendant.

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CASE NO. 4:23-CR-218-1

**ORDER**

Pending before the Court is the Joint Motion for Order Authorizing Deposit of Seized Funds into Court Registry in Anticipation of Restitution, filed by the United States of America and Defendant Hardik Jayantilal Patel. The Court hereby **GRANTS** the motion.

Defendant Hardik Jayantilal Patel pleaded guilty to Count One of the Indictment. Count One charged Defendant with conspiracy to commit mail fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349. In his Plea Agreement, Defendant agreed to pay restitution to the victims in this case. Defendant also agreed to entry of an order directing that approximately \$17,005 in U.S. currency seized from him at or near the time of his arrest be paid over to the court registry in anticipation of the restitution order in this case.

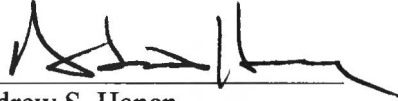
U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) initiated administrative forfeiture proceedings of the \$17,005 U.S. currency in Case No. 2023410700002201. Through counsel for the United States, CBP has expressed a willingness to forego administrative forfeiture so that the funds may be applied to the anticipated restitution order in this case.

To facilitate the agreement of the parties, the Court will authorize CBP to deposit these funds by cashier's check or money order into the Court's Registry. The cashier's check or money order should be made payable to "Clerk, U.S. District Court" and brought to 515 Rusk or mailed to P.O. Box 61010, Houston, Texas 77208. The case number 4:23-CR-218-01 and Defendant's

full name (Hardik Jayantilal Patel) should be included on the cashier's check or money order so that proper credit will be received.

The Court, therefore, ORDERS that the U.S. District Court Clerk is authorized to accept funds deposited by or on behalf of Defendant Hardik Jayantilal Patel and to hold them in the Court's Registry pending further order of this Court.

Signed on July 26, 2024.

  
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Andrew S. Hanen  
United States District Judge